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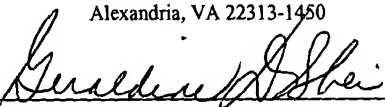
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In the Claims, please cancel Claims 4, 6, 7, 10, 12-15, 17-21, and 24-27, amend  
Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 16, 22, and 23, and add new Claims 28-39 as follows before  
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